

SARAH COLEGRAVE
FINE ART

The Deserted Garden

Josh Ronald William Kirby

Sold



REF: 340121

Height: 78.74 cm (31")

Width: 109.22 cm (43")

Description

Ronald William "Josh" Kirby was born in Waterloo, Liverpool and trained at Liverpool City School of Art, 1942-9. He began his career producing film posters, moving on to book and cover art for magazines. Some of his best-known work includes the first cover for Ian Fleming's *Moonraker* and for Monty Python's *Life of Brian* and his Ray Bradbury and Terry Pratchett book jackets. His work is probably most familiar to many for his cover illustrations for Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* series. Group exhibitions included Portal Gallery, Bluecoat Chambers in Liverpool, the Institute of Contemporary Art and Brighton Art Gallery. He held a solo show at the DLI Museum & Durham Art Gallery in 1995. A major retrospective exhibition, *Out of this World: The Art of Josh Kirby*, was held at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool in 2007. This early work dates to the late 1940s when Kirby was still living and working in Liverpool.